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QUOTE:

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SUBJ: MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: BA 0590

1. IN LUNCHEON DISCUSSION ON JAN 27 WITH EMBOFF, AMB JUAN M. FIGUERERO, SECRETARY PRO TEM OF MFM, AFTER DISCUSSING REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MFM, SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA ALSO TO POSTPONE MEETING OF WORKING GROUPS ON TRANSNATIONAL AND ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

2. THERE ARE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS WITH THESE TWO WGS. FEB 10 WG ON TRANSNATIONALS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONVOKED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFER FROM PANAMA NOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO HOST
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MEETING; THEREFORE WASHINGTON WOULD BE THE SITE IF HELD.

FIGUERERO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM US, AS PROSPECTIVE HOST COUNTRY, AN INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT WE WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH POSTPONEMENT. THERE IS JUSTIFICATION, IN GOA VIEW, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO MFM. GOA HOPES THAT AT APRIL OAS MEETING NEW DATE MIGHT BE SET FOR MFM AND THUS FOR THIS WG.

3. PROBLEM WITH WG/STT IS DIFFERENCE SINCE MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN CONVOKED IN URUGUAY, AND GOU WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO INITIATE ACTION TO POSTPONE IT. IT APPEARED TO EMBOFF THAT FIGUERERO WAS HOPING THAT USG WOULD TAKE SOME INFORMAL INITIATIVE WITH GOU FOR POSTPONEMENT. HE SAID UGLY SITUATION WAS DEVELOPING WITH PERU BUILDING UP TO CONFRONTATION. SAID THIS WAS EVIDENT FROM PERU'S BEHAVIOUR IN CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW IN PANAMA. THEREFORE, FIGUERERO EXPECTED THAT IF HELD ON SCHEDULE THIS WG WOULD GO ALONG UNFORTUNATE LINES OF SANTIAGO MEETING.

4. FIGUERERO REQUESTED THAT USG MOVE AHEAD WITH GOA REQUEST FOR LOAN (WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE) OF FUNCTIONAL AND SECURITY RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT MFM. HE FELT THAT HAVING EQUIPMENT CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE OF MFM WOULD PERMIT GREATER FAMILIARIZATION AND THUS PERMIT SMOOTHER WORKING OF MFM WHEN HELD.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT REACTION TO ABOVE ASAP.
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